

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL
131 CEDAR STREET
CONFERENCE ROOM 1-101 lower level town hall
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012
7:00 PM

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIRMAN THOMAS SHIELDS
COMMISSIONER KEVIN CHICK
COMMISSIONER DAVID MARSDEN
COMMISSIONER JAMES MAROCCHINI
COMMISSIONER GREGORY POLK
COMMISSIONER FERNANDO ROSA

ABSENT

COMMISSIONER THOMAS BOWEN
COMMISSIONER LINDA WOODS

ALSO PRESENT
TOWN PLANNER AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

ED MEEHAN

II. MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2011

COMMISSIONER ROSA MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 7, 2011 MINUTES AND COMMISSIONER CHICK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012

COMMISSIONER POLK NOMINATED COMMISSIONER MAROCHINNI TO BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER CHICK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER MAROCCHINI NOMINATED COMMISSIONER POLK TO BE THE VICE CHAIRMAN. COMMISSIONER CHICK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER MAROCCHINI NOMINATED COMMISSIONER SHIELDS TO BE THE SECRETARY. COMMISSIONER CHICK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. EDC BUDGET – 2012-2013

MR. MEEHAN DISTRIBUTED THE CURRENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S BUDGET FOR FY2011-2012 WITH SUGGESTED CHANGES FOR AN INCREASE FOR NEW SIGNAGE IN THE TOWN BUSINESS CENTER AND PROMOTIONAL EVENTS WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE JANUARY 4, 2012 MINUTETS, THE REQUEST BEING \$8,000.00 FOR LINE ITEM 472-8220.

COMMISSIONER ROSA MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S 2012-2013 REQUESTED BUDGET TO \$8,000.00 FOR LINE ITEM 472-8220 AND COMMISSIONER POLK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. CONSTITUTION SQUARE – MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT SIGNAGE

PLEASE SEE ABOVE, EDC BUDGET 2012-2013 PROPOSAL

D. BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAMS OPPORTUNITIES – DECD

MR. MEEHAN REPORTED THAT SITE PREPARATION WORK IS UNDERWAY FOR REMEDIATION OF THE BUSWAY STATION PARCEL ADJACENT TO THE FORMER NATIONAL WELDING SITE. THIS IS NECESSARY TO PREPARE THE BUSWAY PARCEL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CUMMUTER PARKING LOT AND ACCESS ROAD CONNECTING TO FENN ROAD.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. STATUS OF MARKET SQUARE STREETSCAPE PROJECT

COMMISSIONER MAROCCHINI REPORTED THAT THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE WILL BE DISCUSSING DIMMING THE STREET LIGHTING ON MARKET SQUARE. COMMISSIONER MARSDEN ADDED THAT THE LANDSCAPING AND CROSS WALKS Sstill HAVE TO BE COMPLETED.

B. NATIONAL WELDING PROPERTY (SEE ABOVE)

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ROSE LYONS EXPRESSED HER GRATITUDE TO MR. MEEHAN FOR ALL OF HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF NEWINGTON. SHE ALSO COMMENTED THAT THERE IS STILL NO SIGNAGE AT CONSTITUTION SQUARE, INCLUDING NO ENTRANCE AND EXIT SIGNS, WHICH WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT THE PUBLIC AND BUSINESS OWNERS.

VII. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER MAROCCHINI EXORESSED GRATITUDE FOR THE SUPPORT RECEIVED IN BEING ELECTED THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE 2012 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM ISSION AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A GOOD AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR.

CHAIRMAN SHIELDS ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICE GIVEN TO THE TOWN OF NEWINGTON BY OUR RETIRING TOWN PLANNER, ED MEEHAN, AS HE BECOMES THE FIRST SELECTMAN OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT.

COMMISSIONER POLK THANKED CHAIRMAN SHIELDS FOR HIS HIGHLY EXPERT INFORMATIONAL INPUT AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. CHAIRMAN SHIELDS THANKED ED MEEHAN FOR A JOB WELL DONE FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF NEWINGTON.

BON VOYAGE AND GOD SPEED, ED MEEHAN!

COMMISSIONER ROSA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN SHIELDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SOPHIE GLENN
RECORDING SECRETARY